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BOARD
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Report Title:	NHS North East and North Cumbria ICS Digital, Data and Technology Strategy 2023-2026
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Purpose of report

The strategy for health and care enabled transformation through Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT), builds upon and replaces the previous North East and North Cumbria (NENC) Integrated Care System (ICS) 2019 and 2020 Digital Strategies.

The DDaT strategy has been developed through collaboration with multiple organisations and system-wide partners across the NENC ICS footprint. The strategy both compliments and supports the wider developing ambitions of the NENC Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), its vision, goals, objectives, and operating principles as clearly described in the; **Better health and wellbeing for all** strategy.

Although the DDaT strategy spans a three-year time period, it is acknowledged that given the rapid rate of technological change, there may be future updates and iterations during the lifespan of the strategy.

Annual strategic deliverables will be picked up during the joint forward plan process, these will be monitored on a twice-yearly basis for adherence and compliance with the stated delivery plan.

An overview of the DDaT strategy was presented at an ICB board development session during December 2023, subsequent feedback was received and included in the final strategic document.

The Integrated Care Board is asked to receive this 2023-2026 DDaT strategy and consider approval and subsequent publication.

Key points

In 2019, leaders and professionals from around the region collaborated to produce the first North East and North Cumbria Digital Care Strategy and described the shared vision, to create a connected health and care system:

To enable the delivery of high quality, easily accessible and efficient health and care services, to people of the North East and North Cumbria through digital solutions.

The 2019 strategy was refreshed in 2020 and has been further updated during 2023, to account for recent national drivers, advancements, and more recently through the publication of the NENC ICP *Better health and wellbeing for all* strategy; of which digital data and technology are key enablers.

The collective regional vision developed in 2019 remains current. This NENC ICS Digital, Data and Technology Strategy 2023-2026 includes:

- National context and drivers.
- Regional NENC context.
- Partners and stakeholder engagement in development of the strategy.
- Reflection on achievements to date, which are continuing to be built upon.

Five key and interlinked strategic themes, to deliver the regional vision:

- **The essentials** – Getting the basics right.
 - **Improving** – Continuing to advance and innovate.
 - **Connecting** – Linking the region and beyond.
 - **Empowering** – Bringing personalised care closer to home.
 - **Insight** – Using data in context to deliver action.
- Digital, data and technology solutions assisting access recovery to primary and secondary care services, following the impact of the pandemic.
 - Impacts and benefits delivery of the vision and strategy will bring to the population we serve and our workforce.
 - Governance and accountability arrangements.
 - Delivery roadmap, illustrating a number of key milestones in the journey ahead.
 - Looking to the future and harnessing innovation.

Risks and issues

- There is a risk that the ambitions and objectives outlined within the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) "*Better Health and Wellbeing for all*" strategy may not be realised without underpinning and enabling strategies such as a DDaT strategy.
- The successful delivery and subsequent system transformation will require appropriate DDaT investments and commitment and leadership at all levels throughout the integrated care system.

Assurances

- This strategy has been developed to fully align with and enable, the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) "*Better Health and Wellbeing for all*" strategy.
- An independent third-party audit of the DDaT strategy; its content, governance and delivery is currently taking place.
- Existing DDaT governance, system and processes are in place to continually monitor and respond to investment opportunities as they arise.

Recommendation/action required

The Integrated Care Board are asked to receive and consider the NENC ICS Digital, Data and Technology Strategy 2023-2026 for approval and subsequent publication.

Acronyms and abbreviations explained

NENC – North East and North Cumbria
 ICS – Integrated Care System
 ICP – Integrated Care Partnership
 DDaT – Digital Data and Technology

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Link to ICP strategy priorities (please tick all that apply)						
Longer and Healthier Lives						✓
Fairer Outcomes for All						✓
Better Health and Care Services						✓
Giving Children and Young People the Best Start in Life						✓
Relevant legal/statutory issues						
Note any relevant Acts, regulations, national guidelines etc						
Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
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If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Key implications						
Are additional resources required?	n/a					
Has there been/does there need to be appropriate clinical involvement?	There has been clinical involvement in the development of this strategy, including input from Chief Clinical Information Officers.					
Has there been/does there need to be any patient and public involvement?	There has been patient and public involvement in the development of the strategy, via Healthwatch and VCSE colleagues.					
Has there been/does there need to be partner and/or other stakeholder engagement?	Stakeholder and partner engagement has taken place, with feedback incorporated into the production of the strategy.					